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In re: Patent Application of )  
Daniel Ahlgren ) Group Art Unit: 3751  
App. Ser. No. 09/904,179 )  
Filed: July 11, 2001 ) Examiner: A. Ramana  
For: STACKABLE INTERLOCKING )  
INTERVERTEBRAL SUPPORT )

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response which expired on January 1, 2003, please amend the above-captioned application as follows: